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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my eighteenth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District of Ormskirk.

The health of the district remained satisfactory during the year, 266 infectious diseases were notified, compared with 298 in 1962. Of these, 240 were cases of Measles, the result of the biennial outbreak in the early months of the year. There were no cases of Poliomyelitis or Diphtheria.

There was an increase in the birth rate at 19.6 per 1,000 population, compared with 16.7 in 1962, whilst there was a satisfactory decline in the infantile death rate at 15.2 per 1,000 live births, compared with 22.6 the previous year. The actual number of infant deaths was seven, of which six died within the first month of birth.

The general death rate was 11.8 per 1,000 population, compared with 12.2 in 1962. There was one maternal death, giving a maternal mortality rate of 2.15 per 1,000 births.

Housing conditions continued to improve. 334 new houses were erected during the year, but only 22 of these by the local authority. 36 houses were demolished and 4 closed as unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act. It will be seen, therefore, that the Building Programme is barely coping with the Slum Clearance Programme. Whilst the worst of the Slum Clearance Programme has now been dealt with, it is, of course, a constant problem and houses continue to deteriorate. More houses have to come under consideration each year as probably unfit.

This report would not be complete without a reference to the work of the Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff. During the year, 1,987 visits were made to inspect houses under the Public Health and Housing Acts, whilst 1,920 other visits were made. There are two licensed slaughter houses in the district, and during visits to these slaughter houses, 4,378 carcasses were inspected. This will show how heavily the Public Health staff are committed at the present time. Further legislation is constantly putting additional duties on this staff and it has not always been possible to carry out all the inspections as frequently as would be desirable.

Finally, I would thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their support and interest during the year, and the members of the staff for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,

July, 1964

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area. 15,608 acres.

Population.—The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,815, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1963 the population was 23,740, on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

Number of Inhabited Houses. At the end of 1963 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 7,384.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £846,951. and the sum represented by a penny rate was £3,250.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Urban District of Ormskirk occupies 15,608 acres of the West Lancashire plain. The ancient town of Ormskirk is situated on the highest ground in the area, and the village of Newburgh is pleasantly sited on a small hill, otherwise the district is flat or gently undulating.

Three-quarters of the district is rural in character. The chief interest of the population is agriculture or allied employment; indeed, Ormskirk is locally known as the capital of this large agricultural area, and the ruling prices at the weekly market are quoted all over the country.

Burscough is a small town 3 miles north of Ormskirk. Apart from agriculture, the chief industries include a brass foundry, an ironfoundry, 3 timberyards, a printing and bookbinding works, a flour mill, three brickworks, sheet metal works and factories for the manufacture of cakes and biscuits, wooden handles, women's clothing, fertiliser, automobile oils, cloth trade accessories and corrugated board and containers.

Transport facilities are good. The main L.M.S. line from Liverpool to Scotland crosses the Southport-Manchester line at right angles in the centre of the district, and there are five railway stations in the area. Road transport services are good ; and there is also the Leeds and Liverpool Canal for the carriage of heavy merchandise.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	1963	1962
Home population—(Estimated by Registrar-General—mid year)	23,740	22,880
Live Births—		
M. 239		
F. 205		
Illegitimate 11 6 } Total	461	382
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.	3.69	2.36
Birth Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	19.4	16.7
Adjusted	19.6	16.7
Stillbirths		
M. 4		
F. —		
} Total	4	6
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	8.6	15.5
Total Live and Still births	465	388
Deaths.		
Males 147		
Females 133		
} Total	280	267
Death Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	11.8	11.7
Adjusted	11.8	12.2
Maternal Mortality		
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	1	Nil.
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	2.15	Nil.
Infant Mortality (Infants under 1 year).		
Deaths—Legitimate	6	8
,, —Illegitimate	1	1
Total	7	9
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Total	15.2	23.6
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Legitimate	13.5	21.4
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Illegitimate	58.8	111.1
Neo-Natal Mortality		
Infants under four weeks of age—death rate per 1000 live births	13.0	15.7

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1963	461	19.6	280	11.8	4	8.6	1	2.15	7	15.2	6	13.0
1962	382	16.7	267	12.2	6	15.5	nil	nil	9	23.6	6	15.7
1961	324	15.0	331	14.9	4	12.2	1	3.05	14	43.2	9	27.8
1960	360	17.0	293	13.0	7	19.1	nil	nil	11	30.6	7	19.4
1959	290	13.5	273	12.7		16.9	nil	nil	8	27.6	8	27.6
1958	286	13.3	269	12.5	7	23.9	nil	nil	5	17.5	4	14
Avg. 5 years— 1958-1962		15.1	—	13.1	—	17.5	—	.61	—	28.5	—	20.9

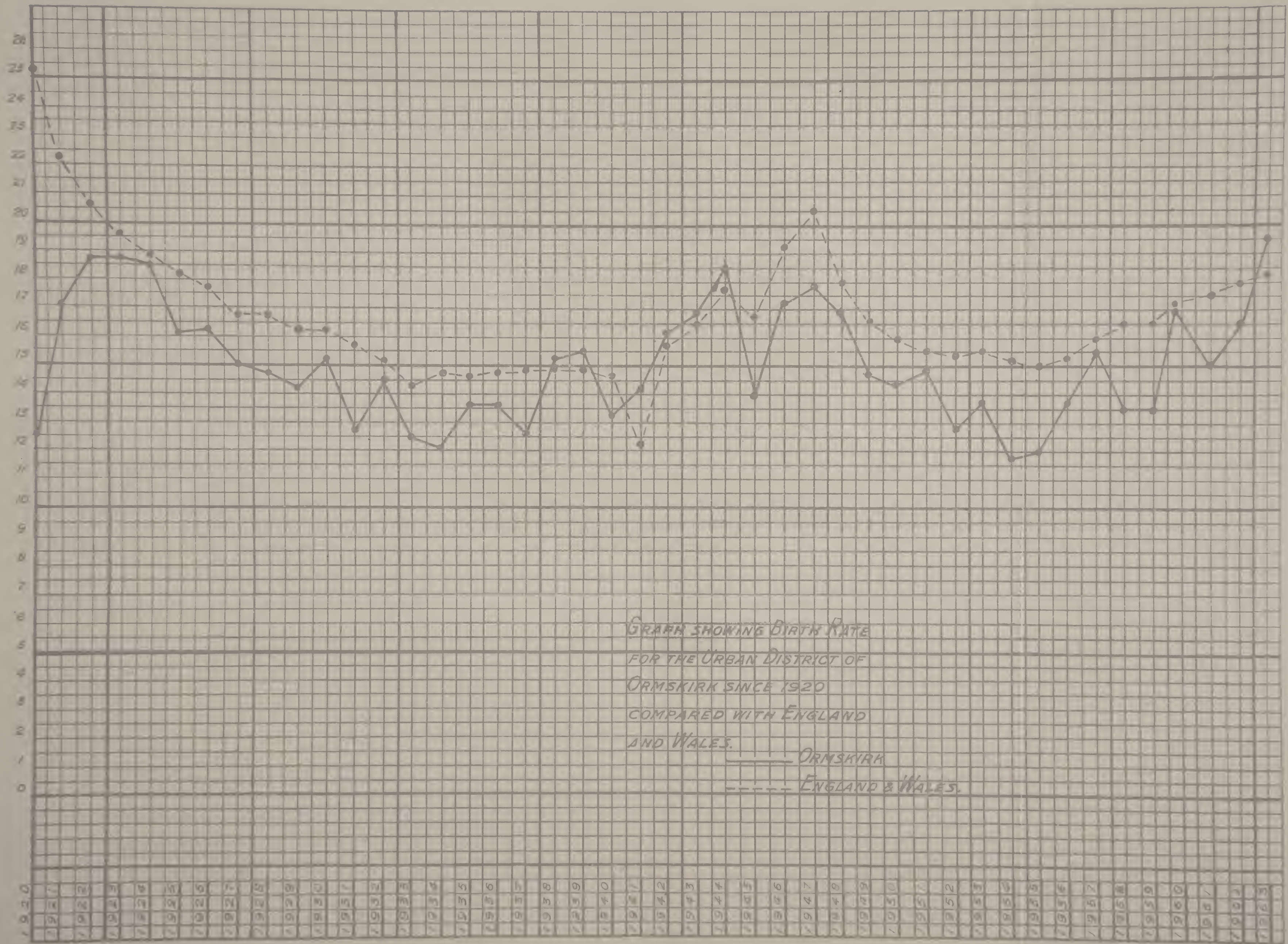
* Adjusted (live birth-rate) (comparability factor, 1.01) — 19.6 per 1,000.
(death-rate) (comparability factor, 1.00) — 11.8 per 1,000.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 18.2, for Ormskirk 19.6.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 12.2, for Ormskirk 11.8.

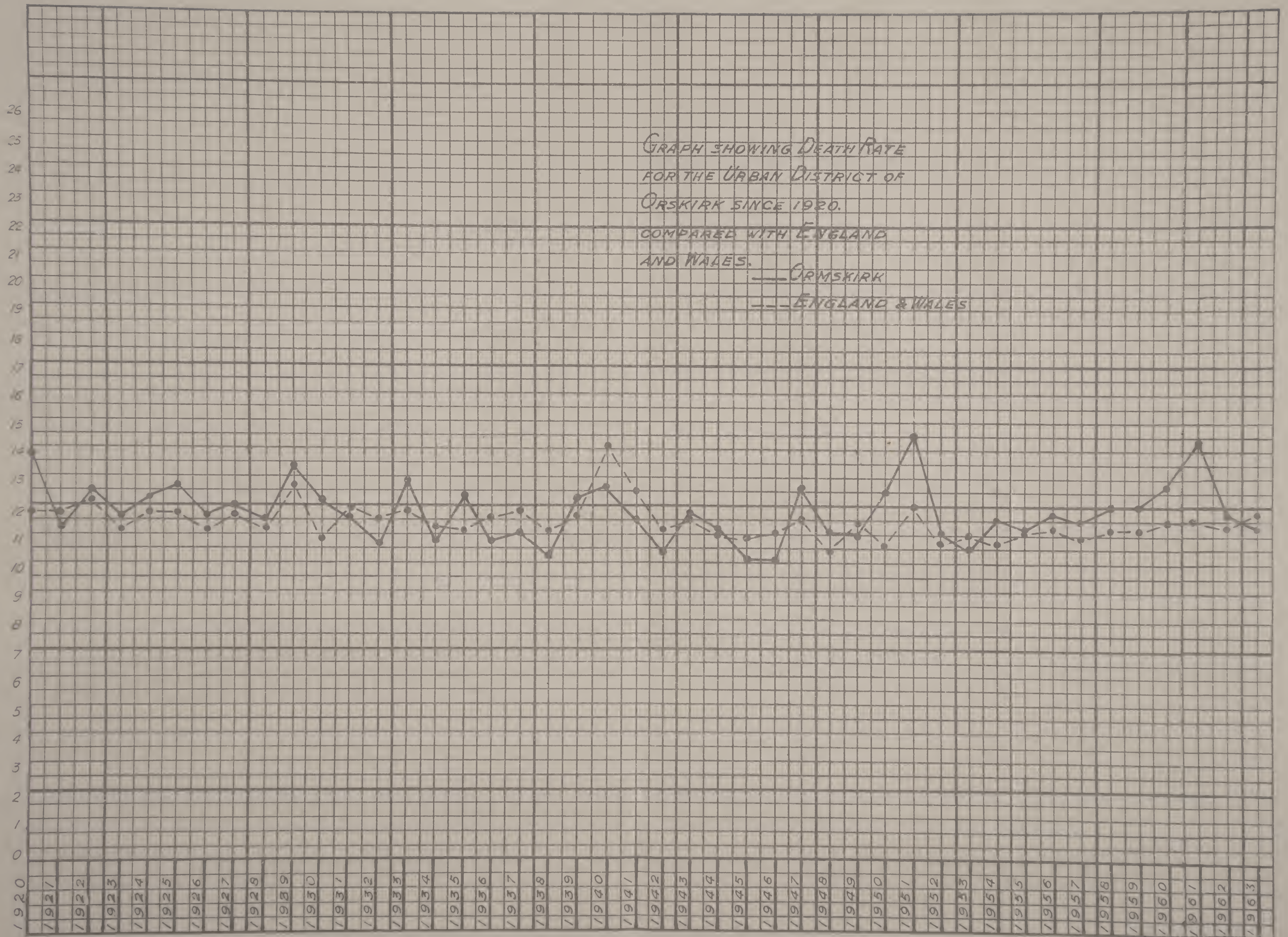
The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 20.9, for Ormskirk 15.2.

The Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales was 0.28, for Ormskirk 2.15.



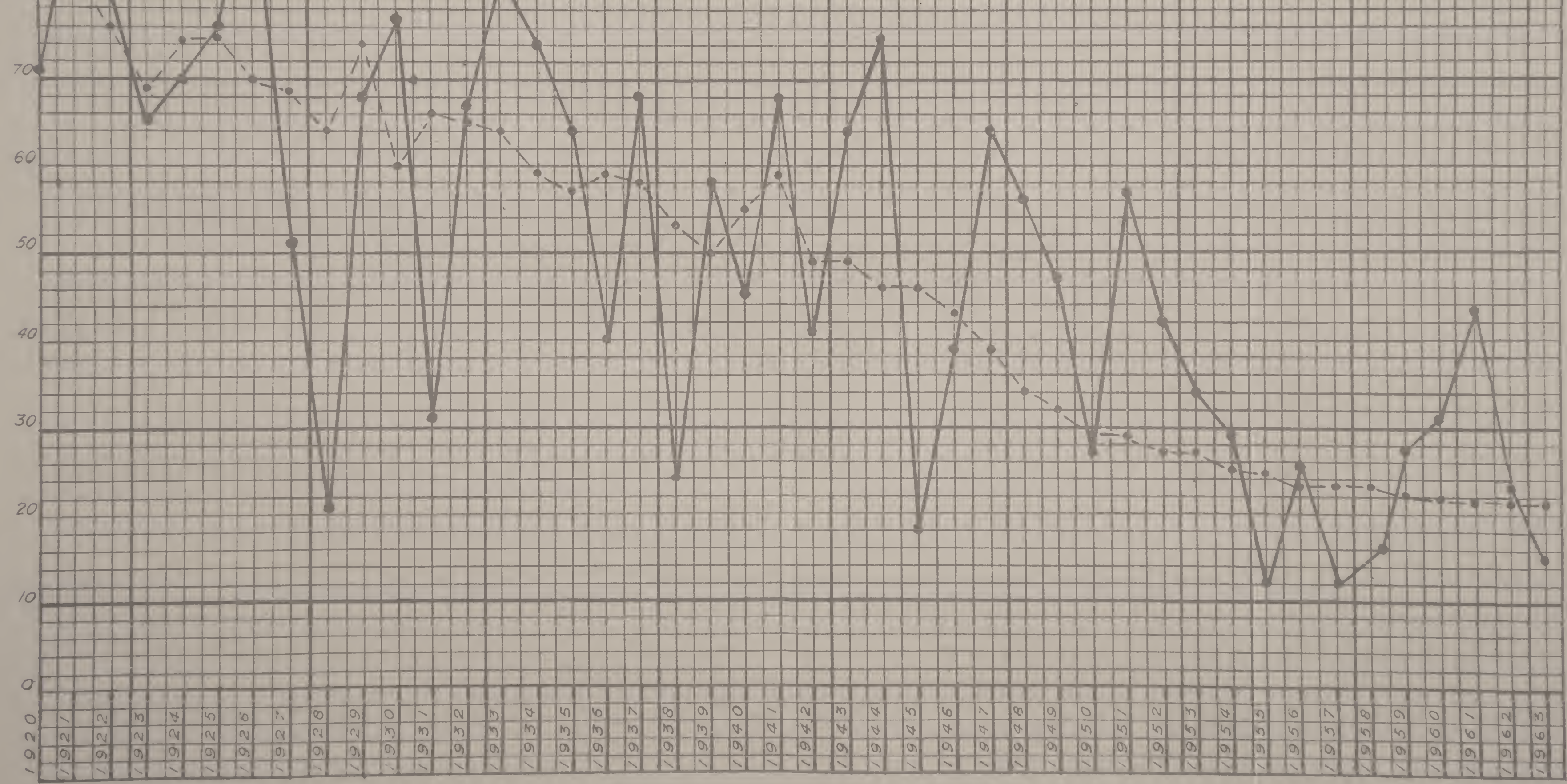
GRAPH SHOWING DEATH RATE
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
ORSKIRK SINCE 1920.
COMPARED WITH ENGLAND
AND WALES.

— ORSKIRK
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GRAPH SHOWING INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATE FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
ORMSKIRK SINCE 1920
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WALES.

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CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

	1963		Total	1962	1961
	M.	F.		Total	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	—	—	—	—	2
Tuberculosis (Other)	—	—	—	1	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	3
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	1	—	1	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm—stomach	5	4	9	2	7
Malignant Neoplasm—lung, Bronchus	8	—	8	7	7
Malignant Neoplasm—breast	—	4	4	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm—uterus	—	3	3	2	1
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	8	20	18	30
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	1	—	1	1	4
Diabetes	1	—	1	3	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	21	37	41	48
Coronary disease, angina	38	22	60	50	58
Hypertension with heart disease	3	3	6	6	6
Other heart disease	12	12	24	37	38
Other circulatory disease	5	8	13	10	15
Influenza	—	1	1	1	5
Pneumonia	4	12	16	21	23
Bronchitis	14	1	15	14	24
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	—	1	3	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2	2	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	—	1	1	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1	1	2	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2	1	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	1	1	—	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2	2	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	22	37	23	29
Motor vehicle accidents	3	—	3	3	2
All other accidents	4	7	11	9	8
Suicide	—	—	—	1	2
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—
All causes	147	133	280	267	331

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1963 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	AGE IN YEARS							75 & over		
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—		65—	
Measles	M	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasms, Breast.....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	1	1	—
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Diabetes	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
	F	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	9
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	10	11	10
	F	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	10	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Other Heart Disease	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Other Circulatory Disease	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	11
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Influenza	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life During 1963 in The Urban District of Ormskirk—Continued

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	Age in Years								75 & over	
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—		
Pneumonia	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7
Bronchitis	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	6
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	15	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	6
	F	22	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	3	—	1	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other Accidents	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1
	F	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
Total all Causes	M	147	4	1	—	2	3	—	6	14	23	40	54	
	F	133	2	—	2	2	3	1	1	10	14	27	71	

TABLE SHOWING BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

Year	Estimated Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate	
		England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk
1932	17,240	15.3	14.5	12.0	11.1	65	67
1933	17,410	14.4	12.5	12.3	13.4	64	82
1934	17,670	14.8	12.1	11.8	11.3	59	74
1935	17,860	14.7	13.8	11.7	12.7	57	64
1936	18,090	14.8	13.6	12.1	11.2	59	40
1937	18,300	14.9	12.6	12.4	11.5	58	68
1938	18,400	15.1	15.2	11.6	10.7	53	24
1939	18,930	15.0	15.5	12.1	12.8	50	58
1940	19,660	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1	55	45
1941	20,490	12.2	14.3	12.9	12.0	59	68
1942	20,200	15.8	16.6	11.6	10.8	49	41
1943	19,250	16.5	16.9	12.1	12.2	49	64
1944	18,500	17.6	18.5	11.6	11.7	46	75
1945	19,320	16.1	14.0	11.4	10.8	46	18
1946	20,360	19.1	17.4	11.5	10.6	43	39
1947	20,990	20.5	17.8	12.0	13.4	41	64
1948	20,030	17.9	17.2	10.8	11.6	34	55
1949	20,100	16.7	14.8	11.7	11.5	32	47
1950	20,110	15.8	14.5	11.6	13.1	29.8	27
1951	20,920	15.5	15.0	12.5	15.2	29.6	57
1952	21,180	15.3	12.7	11.3	11.5	27.6	41
1953	21,230	15.5	13.8	11.4	10.9	26.8	34
1954	21,340	15.2	11.8	11.3	12.1	25.5	29
1955	21,280	15.0	11.9	11.7	11.8	24.9	12
1956	21,350	15.7	13.8	11.7	12.2	23.8	25
1957	21,420	16.1	15.5	11.5	11.9	23.0	12
1958	21,450	16.4	13.3	11.7	12.5	22.5	17.5
1959	21,450	16.5	13.5	11.6	12.7	22	27.5
1960	21,850	17.1	17.0	11.5	13.0	21.7	30.6
1961	22,180	17.4	15.0	12.0	14.9	21.4	43.2
1962	22,880	18.0	16.7	11.9	12.2	21.4	23.6
1963	23,740	18.2	19.6	12.2	11.8	20.9	15.2

SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

The Ormskirk General Hospital—takes all types of cases and has a consultant and resident staff. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Brandreth Hospital—accommodates chronic and convalescent cases only. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Ormskirk Children's Convalescent Hospital—Green Lane, Ormskirk.

The New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick—receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Urban District of Ormskirk.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council. An Ambulance Station is situated in Junction Lane, Burscough.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

<i>Child Welfare Centre</i>	...	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Minor Ailments Clinic</i>	...	Each Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon
<i>Orthopaedic Clinic</i>	.....	First Monday in each month
<i>Orthopaedic Treatment Clinic</i>	....	Each Tuesday
<i>Ante-Natal Clinic</i>	.. .	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Eye Clinic</i>	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Dental Clinic</i>	....	Each Tuesday and Friday
<i>Speech Clinic</i>	....	Each Tuesday afternoon
<i>Immunisation Clinic</i>	....	Every Fourth Thursday afternoon
<i>Vaccination Clinic</i>	...	Each Monday afternoon in con- junction with Child Welfare Clinic

The Burscough Child Welfare Clinic (Old Council Offices).
Child Welfare Clinic Each Thursday afternoon
Immunisation and Vaccination
Clinic..... First Monday in month (afternoon)

Ormskirk and District General Hospital.
Chest Clinic Tuesday morning and afternoon,
 Thursday afternoon

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home Nursing is carried out by the Lancashire County Council,
 The services of a District Nurse are obtained for a patient through
 the General Practitioner.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for bacteriological examination are dealt with at the
 Pathological Laboratory of the Ormskirk and District General
 Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant,
 Liverpool.

SECTION 3

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 266. This figure is lower than the number of notifications for 1962 when 298 cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA

During 1963, for the fifteenth successive year no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

During the previous fifteen years (1934-1948) there were 349 notified cases, and 16 deaths occurred from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During the year, 429 children completed a course of immunisation, of whom 360 were under the age of 2 years. The total number of children who were given reinforcing injections during the year was 682.

SCARLET FEVER

For the first time in any year, there were no notified cases of Scarlet Fever, during 1963. Notifications of this disease in the area have steadily declined during the past 20 years.

The total number of notified cases in 1943 was 89.

MEASLES

Of the 266 notified cases of Infectious Disease 240 were cases of Measles and there was one death recorded from this cause.

ANTHRAX

One case of Anthrax was notified. The person concerned was a male who worked part time in a slaughterhouse.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

This service is carried out under a joint scheme by the West Lancashire Rural District Council on a percentage of costs basis

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is by steam disinfection. During 1963 the following work was carried out :—

			Disinfection	Disinfestation
Journeys	.....	.....	2	1
Rooms sprayed	.....	.....	8	2
Houses	...	.....	3	2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised.

Age	1935-44	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	
Under 1 year	16	—	17	58	29	161	163	153	154	105	138	110	174	168	135	198	239	130	112	143	Total under 5 years at end of 1963
1 year	345	133	136	103	234	89	63	72	73	72	76	90	37	15	27	29	15	206	184	217	
2 years	253	31	39	10	25	10	13	8	12	22	8	12	4	3	4	8	6	15	10	6	
3 "	21	19	29	13	12	14	3	8	4	8	8	6	1	1	1	7	8	6	16	7	
4 "	235	14	24	11	13	3	5	9	4	8	7	5	2	6	1	7	7	16	20	2	1500
5 "	407	41	29	20	7	5	21	4	4	29	4	8	4	7	2	4	9	8	23		Total 5-9 years at end of 1963
6 "	301	17	16	16	10	4	23	3	1	24	3	11	3	5	3	3	12	8	35		
7 "	266	33	7	7	6	4	25	3	2	26	—	10	2	2	1	1	4	6	19		
8 "	328	31	9	13	4	—	12	3	1	9	—	3	—	—	—	1	4	3	22		
9 "	299	21	2	3	1	1	12	1	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	2	21		1195
10 "	337	19	3	1	3	2	10	4	—	15	—	4	—	—	2	—	8	3	30		
11 "	336	12	2	2	3	—	10	2	—	7	—	6	2	2	—	1	7	3	29		
12 "	285	29	—	4	1	1	13	—	—	5	1	3	—	2	—	—	8	2	43		Total 10-15 years at end of 1963
13 "	251	21	2	6	2	—	8	2	—	9	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	3	61		
14 "	68	5	—	1	2	—	9	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	2		
15 "	40	—	—	4	1	1	6	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	8	—	1	5	2		1728
																					Total over 15 years at end of 1963 5709
	3968	426	315	272	353	295	396	273	255	358	245	278	231	213	184	259	337	416	629	429	10132

Total number of children who were given reinforcing injections — 682
 Total number of children under 15 who have been immunised — 4423

**WEEKLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS
DISEASES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK DURING 1963.**



Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised.

Total
under
5 years
at end
of 1963

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER AND NATURE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES COMING
UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING 1963.

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Pneumonia	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	7
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Measles	6	61	27	10	42	35	24	5	28	—	—	2	240
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	5
Meningococcal Infection	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Dysentery	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) (Non Respiratory)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3
Monthly Totals	11	65	31	11	43	36	26	9	31	—	—	3	266

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
THE YEAR 1963.

WARDS														
	Aughton 1	Aughton 2	Derby	S'brick	Knowsley	B'cough North	B'cough South 1	B'cough South 2	B'cough South 3	Lathom 1	Lathom 2	Westhead 1	Westhead 2	TOTAL
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	39	15	28	57	18	2	39	7	—	6	4	15	10	240
Whooping Cough	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	6
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
„ (Non Resp.)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	44	15	29	60	19	3	47	11	—	7	4	15	12	266

TABLE SHOWING INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS DURING
PAST 20 YEARS.

Disease	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Scarlet Fever	—	1	4	4	14	5	8	3	9	8	56	15	14	20	14	27	41	43	34	50
Diphtheria	240	122	57	183	205	194	75	149	259	18	458	116	210	175	75	2	8	6	15	20
Measles	5	2	2	5	2	26	2	36	17	49	159	56	118	65	53	35	158	6	291	26
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Para Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Pneumonia	7	2	8	6	9	6	28	17	49	14	15	18	15	13	18	22	8	14	32	20
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	—	1	1	3	4	1
Dysentery	6	159	3	11	2	8	—	—	2	131	1	23	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Anthrax	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	—	—	1	9	9	11	22	10	17	15	15	—	1	—	—	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	7	4	2	5	4	8	11	11	20	23	21	25	15	12	12	13	10	12	10
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5	2	2	2	6	4	8	4	8
	266	298	84	214	238	244	147	230	361	298	729	275	406	311	175	503	251	92	397	144

SECTION 4

S C H O O L S .

The Urban District is provided with Eighteen schools. These include one Grammar School, three County Secondary Schools, one R.C. Secondary School, ten Primary Schools, one Nursery School, and two Private Schools.

With the exception of the latter, all the schools are in Division 11 of the Lancashire County Council Divisional Administration Scheme, 1944.

LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

School	Total No. of Children on Roll at 1st Jan., 1963
Burscough St. John's C.E. (Mxd. & Infts'.Depts.)	123
Burscough Methodist	185
Burscough R.C.	126
Lathom Park C.E.	24
Newburgh C.E.	76
Lathom St. James' C.E.	57
Burscough Lordsgate Township C.E.	211
Burscough County Secondary School	397
Ormskirk C.E. (Junior mixed)	519
(Infants)	291
Ormskirk St. Anne's R.C. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts)	284
Ormskirk West End County Primary School	108
Ormskirk St. Bedes R.C. Secondary School	594
Ormskirk County Secondary School, Boys	401
Girls	329
Ormskirk Grammar School	752
Ormskirk Moorgate Nursery School	44
Ormskirk High School	160
Arranmore Preparatory School	37
Total :	4718

During the year 1963 the following improvements and repairs have been carried out at schools in the district:—

ST. ANNE'S R.C. SCHOOL, HANTS LANE

The washing facilities in the Infants' Department have been improved—4 wash basins replaced, 5 wash basins and a caretaker's sink added.

COUNTY SECONDARY BOY'S SCHOOL, ORMSKIRK

Considerable extensions have been carried out. These include:—

1. Two sets of boys' toilets, which consist of two wash basins, 2 urinals and one W.C.
2. One set of girls' toilets consisting of two wash basins and two W.C's.
3. One staff toilet and shower.
4. Two new changing rooms each equipped with its own shower accommodation.
5. One alcove with provision for hanging coats.
6. Completely new kitchens for the school meal service.

ST. JOHN'S C.E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, BURSCOUGH BRIDGE

The following work was carried out:—

1. Interior decorating of school.
2. Tiling of walls round wash basins in childrens cloakrooms.

BURSCOUGH METHODIST SCHOOL, ORRELL LANE,
BURSCOUGH

The boys' playground re-surfaced.

ST. JAMES' C.E. SCHOOL, WESTHEAD

1. New linked fence on playground.
2. New flooring in entrance and cloakroom.
3. Repairs to toilets and roof.
4. Exterior painting.

BURSCOUGH R.C. SCHOOL, CHAPEL LANE, LATHOM
OLD SCHOOL

1. New asbestos roof fitted to boys' toilets.
2. Repairs to school roof, chimney, coke stoves.
3. Electric water heaters fitted in one lobby.
4. Electric space heaters fitted in two rooms.
5. Whole school inter or re-decorated.

LATHOM PARK C.E. SCHOOL

1. A new meals cooking kitchen has been made from the existing north east cloakroom.
2. A new French window has been set into the south west wall.

SECTION 5.
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.
WATER SUPPLY.

The West Lancashire Water Board supplies water to the area mainly from deep wells in Dark Lane and Greethby Hill, Ormskirk and from the Scarth Hill and Halsall Lane pumping stations.

There are 9 dwelling houses in the area which are not connected to the mains water supply. This amounts to .12 of the houses in the district.

The following reports on samples of water taken during 1963 at the pumping stations have been supplied by the West Lancashire Water Board.

DARK LANE PUMPING STATION, ORMSKIRK

SAMPLE OF WATER 3/7/63

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance and free from iron and other metals.

The water is acid in reaction and, from the aspect of corrosive activity, a higher pH value is desirable. The water is fairly soft in character and contains no excess of mineral constituents.

It is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

Apart from the corrosive characteristics these are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

GREETBY HILL PUMPING STATION, ORMSKIRK

SAMPLE OF WATER 3/7/63

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance and free from iron and other metals.

The water is on the acid side of neutrality and, from the aspect of corrosive activity, a higher pH value is desirable. The water is hard in character but not unduly so and it contains no excess of mineral constituents..

It is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

Apart from the corrosive characteristics these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

HALSALL LANE PUMPING STATION, ORMSKIRK

SAMPLE OF WATER 3/7/63

This sample is clear and bright in appearance. The water is almost neutral in reaction, hard in character, but not unduly so, contains no excess of mineral constituents and it is free from iron and other metals.

Organic and bacterial purity are of the highest standard.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

SCARTH HILL PUMPING STATION, ORMSKIRK

SAMPLE OF WATER 3/7/63

This sample is clear and bright in appearance and of the highest standard of bacterial purity indicative of a wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have three sewage disposal works in operation. One at Blackacre Lane, Ormskirk, one at New Lane, Burscough and a third at Westhead. The sewage is passed through sedimentation tanks and sludge drying beds, the surface effluent being treated by rotary filter and discharged into brooks.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out by the Council's own employees. Four motor vehicles each with four men and a driver are provided and in addition a vehicle is employed part time to carry out a separate collection of waste paper from shops, etc. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Burscough, on a site which was previously a clay pit.

A Municipal bin ownership scheme is operated in the Urban District, whereby replacement of defective dustbins at private dwelling houses is carried out by the Council. During the year 609 defective bins were replaced by new ones.

SALVAGE.

WASTE PAPER.—During the year a total weight of 137 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. of waste paper was collected and baled.

This waste paper realised a sum of £1062-8-6

SANITARY ACCOMODATION AT THE END OF 1963

Number of fresh water closets	7,433
„ „ pail closets	184
„ „ waste water closets	Nil
„ „ privies	175
„ „ privy middens	167
„ „ dry ashpits	Nil
„ „ dustbins	9,509

CONVERSIONS

The number of privy closets which were converted during the year was thirty-four (12 to water closets and 22 to pail closets).

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

The number of premises in the district which were inspected during the year was 1,042 and the number of defects or nuisances discovered as a result of these inspections was 283, of which 259 had been remedied by the end of the year. Informal notices issued numbered 143 and 26 Statutory Notices were served on the authority of the Health Committee where informal notices had not been complied with.

SMOKE ABATEMENT—CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

The Clean Air Act provides that within certain limits which are prescribed by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and with certain exceptions, the emission of dark smoke from any chimney is an offence. Provisions are also included to allow for the making of Orders by the Local Authority (which Orders must be confirmed by the Minister) declaring an area or areas in its district as smoke control areas. There are no Smoke Control Orders in existence in this district.

There are nineteen chimneys used in connection with industrial plants in the area and during the year twenty-one smoke observations have been made. Representations were made to the firms concerned where it was found that the limits for the emission of dark or black smoke were being exceeded, and no further action was necessary.

CAMPING SITES—MOVABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed camping sites in the area. Three site licences for a total of 26 caravans have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Routine inspection of shops in the area was carried out during 1963 and a total of 87 inspections were made. Any defects or contraventions which were found on inspection were dealt with informally and in the main all matters were dealt with without delay. There are 334 shops on the register.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act shops where pet animals are sold require to be licensed by the Local Authority. Such licences are renewable annually. There are two such shops in the area and the licences impose conditions regarding the comfort and treatment of the animals

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	102	67	4	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	5	1	—
	107	72	5	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	7	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	1	—	1	—	—
Total	10	8	1	—	—

OUTWORKERS:— There were four out workers notified as engaged in making wearing apparel, and one engaged in basket making

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One full-time rodent operator is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a twice yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963.

TYPE OF PROPERTY

	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricul- tural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses	(3) All other (including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of Pro- perties in Local Authority's Dis- trict	29	7248	684	7961	49
Number of Pro- perties inspected as a result of :					
(a) Notification	8	104	30	142	2
(b) Survey under the Act	29	244	101	374	26
(c) Otherwise (e.g.) when visited prim- arily for some other purpose	—	2	—	2	—
Number of pro- perties inspected which were found to be in- fested by :					
(a) Rats—					
(Major)					
(Minor)	15	178	44	237	12
(b) Mice—					
(Major)					
(Minor)	7	32	10	49	—
Number of in- fested proper- ties treated by the L.A.	22	210	51	283	8

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTORS
DURING THE YEAR 1963.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)	.....	.....	.....	1698
„ „ Houses re Improvement Grants	.....	.....	.....	289
„ re Water Supply	.....	.....	.....	3
„ „ Drainage	.....	.....	.....	10
„ „ Refuse Collection and disposal	.....	.....	.....	12
„ „ Rodent Control	.....	.....	.....	39
„ „ Cases of Infectious Disease	.....	.....	.....	653
„ to Schools	.....	.....	.....	14
„ „ Shops (Shops Act)	.....	.....	.....	92
„ „ Factories and Outworkers' Premises	.....	.....	.....	67
„ „ Slaughterhouses	.....	.....	.....	225
„ „ Butchers and Grocers' premises	.....	.....	.....	35
„ „ Fried Fish Shops and Fishmongers	.....	.....	.....	3
„ „ Greengrocers and Fruiterers	.....	.....	.....	15
„ „ Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	.....	.....	.....	33
„ „ Ice Cream Premises	.....	.....	.....	28
„ „ Cafes and Restaurants	.....	.....	.....	27
„ „ Street Vendors and Hawkers' Carts	.....	.....	.....	9
„ „ Market Stalls.....	.....	.....	.....	180
„ „ Other Food Premises	.....	.....	.....	66
„ in connection with Milk Sampling	.....	.....	.....	31
„ „ „ „ Ice Cream Sampling	.....	.....	.....	31
„ „ „ „ Other foods sampling	.....	.....	.....	12
Miscellaneous Visits	.....	.....	.....	344

SECTION 6: HOUSING

There is still a shortage of housing accommodation for persons living in the district. On the Council's list of applicants for houses there are approximately 100 families who are living in rooms or sharing accommodation with other families.

Applications for old peoples' bungalows number 160, though most of the applicants are the tenants of houses.

The Council had at the end of 1963 schemes in progress for the erection of 52 houses (42 in Ormskirk and 10 in Burscough) and other schemes for the provision of 88 dwellings (houses, flats, etc.) and 22 bungalows were contemplated.

Lack of maintenance and repair of many of the older type of rented houses is still evident. Owner/occupied houses of this type are generally well maintained and the applications for improvement grants are mainly from owner/occupiers.

Much more needs to be done in providing suitable houses with at least the standard amenities (fixed bath or shower, wash hand basin, hot water supply, internal water closet and food store.) It is estimated that there may be 700-800 houses in the district which are suitable for improvement to this standard and for which grants towards the cost of the work could be obtained.

Additional legislation in relation to the improvement of houses is foreshadowed and this legislation will, it is expected, give to Local Authorities some measure of compulsion to require in rented houses the provision of these standard amenities.

SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health respecting 15 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 3 individual houses and two clearance areas comprising a total of 12 houses.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

TOTAL	.....	334
(i) By the Local Authority	.....	22
(ii) By other Local Authorities	.....	—
(iii) By other bodies and persons	.....	312
Total number of Council Houses (a) Before 1945		346
Total number Council Houses Bungalows and Flats	(b) After 1945	1150
	Total	1496

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses-inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	848
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, for the purpose	.....	1049
(c) Number of dwelling houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit	.....	257
(2) Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:		
(a) Demolition orders have been made		77
(b) Demolition or Closing orders have not yet been made	.....	90

Houses Demolished :— In Clearance Areas—	Houses Demol- ished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	28	6	2
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas :—			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957 ..	8	12	4
(5) Local Authority owned Huts certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Closed :—	Number		
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	4	14	3
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :—	By Owner	By Local Authority	
(1) After informal action by local authority	140	—	
(2) After formal notice under—			
(a) Public Health Acts	33	—	
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957) :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwell- ings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 46	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	—	—
Purchase of Houses by Agreement :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants in houses in column (1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clear- ance Orders or Compulsory Pur- chase Orders, purchased during the year	—	—

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year the Council approved 6 applications for discretionary grants in accordance with the Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and 32 applications for standard grants under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular No. 42/62 asked Local Authorities to arrange for the inspection of houses which were regarded as suitable for improvement with the help of improvement grants.

In accordance with the request 278 dwellings were inspected during 1963 and the attention of landlords, owner/occupiers called to the grants which are available to assist in meeting the cost of improvement works.

SECTION 7.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. SAMPLES OF MILK FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Forty-three samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results :—

Phosphatase Test	.....	23	satisfactory
Methylene Blue			
Reduction Test	.....	37	„ 3 unsatisfactory.
Turbidity test	.....	6	„
Inoculation test for T.B.	.....	14	negative.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (SPECIFIED AREAS) (No. 2) ORDER 1955.

The Urban District of Ormskirk is included in the order as a specified area in which all milk sold by retail for human consumption must be designated milk.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.

Section 14 of this Act, which is administered by the Council requires, under certain circumstances, the registration of hawkers of food and premises used for the storage of such food. At the end of 1963 the number of registrations was 30 hawkers, 23 premises. The number of inspections of registered premises during the year was 12.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 16.

This section of the Food and Drugs Act requires the registration of premises used for :—

- (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. (For the purposes of this subsection, the preparation of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be the preservation thereof).

At the end of 1963 the number of registrations was : (a) 80.
(b) 21.

During the year 66 visits were made to registered premises.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955—1960

Periodical inspection of food premises, vehicles, etc., is carried out to see that the requirements of the Food Hygiene regulations are complied with. Stalls in the street market held in the town from which foodstuffs are sold are visited on market days. It is felt, however, that an extension of the Regulations relating to stalls of this type is needed, particularly with regard to the provision of suitable hand washing facilities at all stalls selling unwrapped foodstuffs, and the adequate covering of such articles of food.

ICE CREAM

There is one premises within the Urban District at which ice cream is manufactured, and equipment is installed to produce ice cream in accordance with the requirements of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. There are 71 premises registered for the sale of ice cream, most of which is prepacked in wrappers or cartons.

During the year 22 samples of ice cream were obtained and submitted for methylene blue reduction test. Twenty one samples were satisfactory (Grades 1 and 2), and one sample unsatisfactory (Grade 3).

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

There are two licensed slaughter houses in the district, one which is licensed for the slaughter of pigs only.

The following table gives a summary of the carcasses inspected, and the condemnations during the year :—

	Cattle exc. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number inspected.....	389	—	—	523	3466	Nil
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	7	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	42	—	—	9	227	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	10.8	—	—	1.8	6.6	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	—	—	—	—	3	—
Percentage of number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	.08	—
CYSTICERCCSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
The total weight of meat condemned was						
			Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
			1	2	2	7
OTHER FOOD CONDEMNED						
72 Cans of Meat			—	2	2	20
129 Cans of Fruit			—	1	3	16
40 Cans of Vegetables and Soups			—	—	1	12
12 Cans of Milk			—	—	—	8
Pork			—	1	2	1
104 pkts miscellaneous Frozen Foods.....			—	—	3	4
Sundry Foodstuffs			—	—	1	11
			1	9	2	23

Condemned meat and offal are stained with a green dye and used for industrial purposes. Canned foods which are condemned are buried in the refuse tip.

(c) ADULTERATION

The section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with adulteration is administered by the Lancashire County Council, and I am indebted to Doctor Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information:—

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1963.

A total of 120 samples was obtained, consisting of 62 samples of milk and 58 others comprising:—

6 Tea	5 Fruit, canned
7 Vegetables, dried	3 Pork sausages
4 Beef sausages	4 Bread
2 Rice	2 Oatmeal
1 Ground almonds	1 Dried fruit
1 Amytal tablets	2 Sulphamezathne tablets
2 Plain flour	1 Lenium
1 Selsun Suspension	2 Fish paste
1 Gelusil tablets	1 Cocoa
3 Butter	1 Castor oil
1 Sugar	2 Gravy browning
1 Dried skimmed milk powder	1 Cornflour
1 Custard powder	2 Baking powder

I give below details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:—

Type of	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Gravy browning	Label did not bear the words " Food Colour ". Solution of caramel sold as a food colour should be labelled in accordance with the requirements of the Second Schedule of the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations, 1957.	Manufacturer communicated with
1 Plain flour	Creta praeparata only 187 mgms. per 100 grms. Limits 235-390 mgms. per 100 grams.	Millers communicated with

ORMSKIRK MARKET.

The Ormskirk Market is an ancient institution dating from April 28th, 1286, when King Edward the First granted "a Thursday market and a five days' fair" to the town for ever. The rights in the Market appear to have been vested in the Earl of Lancaster, for on the 29th September, 1286, those rights were transferred by the Charter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the Prior of Burscough Abbey on the payment of an annual sum. The alienation of these Market rights is confirmed by the Charter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, in 1339.

The rights remained vested in the Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries about 1536, and after its surrender to King Henry VIII. by Robert Barton, the last prior (who died in 1553), the Priory was granted to Sir William Paget, K.G., Principal Secretary of State in 1547.

A little over a century later (on the 23rd June, 1670) King Charles II. granted to Charles, the Eighth Earl of Derby, and his successors, the right to hold and keep two fairs, one in Whitsun week and the other at the end of August in each year, and a market to be held on Thursdays.

By a conveyance dated the 30th day of September, 1876, the Rights in the Market were sold by the Earl of Derby to the Ormskirk Local Board for £1,000.

The Ormskirk Local Board made Byelaws, which were allowed by the Local Government Board on the 17th December, 1881, whereby a market was to be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week throughout the year, which were amended to provide that a market was to be held on each week day throughout the year "unless the same shall be a day duly appointed for solemn fast or public thanksgiving."

Consequent upon the amalgamation Order of 1931 whereby Ormskirk Urban District was amalgamated with the Urban District of Lathom and Burscough the byelaws lapsed and new byelaws were made on the 19th December, 1935. These included *inter alia*, the fixing of the days and hours during each day on which the market shall be held. Regulations as to the use of the market place and the buildings, stalls, pens and standings therein, and for preventing nuisances or obstructions therein, or in the immediate approaches thereto. Penalties for offences against the byelaws. A table of Tolls leviable in the market was incorporated.

The market continued to be held throughout the war years, although on a limited scale. It has now regained much of its colourfulness, and each Thursday, Moor Street, Moorgate and Aughton Street are filled with market stalls and itinerant tradesmen of all kinds. The Saturday market is limited to Moor Street except for an occasional two or three stalls in Aughton Street, but nevertheless there is much trading, especially in home produce.

It is the practice of the Health Department to make regular inspections of all the market stalls and the Public Health Inspectors pay particular attention to those stalls selling foodstuffs each market day.



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